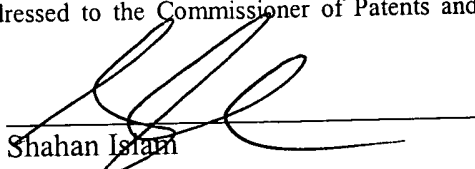


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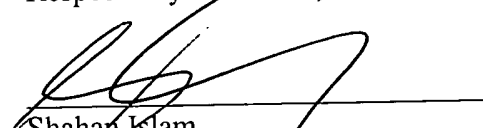
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, applicant respectfully requests that the documents listed on the attached form PTO-1449 be made of record and considered in connection with the examination of this application. Copies of the listed document is enclosed. Translations of the document (if applicable) are not readily available.

With the submission of this admitted prior art, applicants thus comply with the duty of disclosure as set forth at 37 CFR 1.56.

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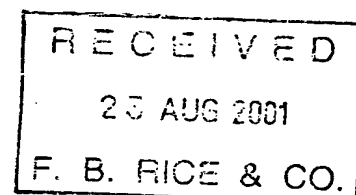
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Patent Application No: 513431
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Your ref: 106594

Examination Report



Thank you for your application filed on 8 August 2001:

Examination has been performed on the specification as filed and your letter dated 6 August 2001.

A set of Formal Drawings should be filed within 4 months of the filing date of this application, under Regulation 169.

Section 13:

As a result of investigation under Section 13, it appears the invention as claimed has been prior published in:

Citation	Date Available	Relevant part of Citation	Claim(s) cited against
US6213876B1	10 April 2001	See the whole document	At least Claim 1,2,3
US5964463	12 Oct 1999	See the whole document	At least Claim 1,2,3
GB2253300	02 Sept 1992	See the whole document	At least Claim 1 and 8

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Claim 1 discloses a gaming machine characterized by polyhedral elements with a plurality of visible faces represented on moveable carriers.

In the prior document US6213876 a video outlay (Column 5, Line 34) with randomly generated polyhedral elements are represented in the form of dice in two rows as in one embodiment (Column 18, Line 18 and 19).

See Fig. 3 of prior document US5964463 for the same embodiment as prior document US6213876 of polyhedral elements that are represented in the form of dice in two rows.

Prior document GB2253300 discloses bodies that are movable relative to each reel as disclosed in Claim 8.

The time for completion of all matters expires on **8 November 2002**. An extension of time of up to three months may be requested under Section 19(2).

If you have any questions please contact me.

Yours sincerely

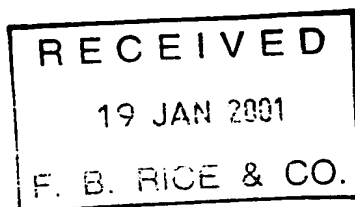
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Examination Report

Thank you for your application filed on 10 January 2001.

Examination has been performed on the specification as filed.

A set of Formal Drawings should be filed within 4 months of the filing date of this application, under Regulation 169.

Section 10(4):

Claim 14: A suitable claim dependency appears necessary.

Section 13:

As a result of investigation under Section 13, it appears the invention as claimed has been prior published in:

Citation	Date Available	Relevant part of Citation	Claim(s) cited against
US 5,263,715	7 Jan 1994	See the whole document	Claim 1
US 5,344,145	4 Oct 1994	See the whole document	Claim 1
JP4307087A2	15 Aug 1995	See the whole document	Claim 1

The invention claimed in Claim 1 also appears to encompass a standard fruit machine or one-armed bandit which is prior art. Both of these machines involve a polyhedral element which rotates to display pictures determining whether a player wins or loses. Claim 1 is therefore too broad.

The time for completion of all matters expires on 10 April 2002. An extension of time of up to three months may be requested under Section 19(2).

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